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Two Hutchinson residents indicted for selling meth

MINNEAPOLIS— Two Hutchinson residents and one Kimball woman have been indicted on counts of methamphetamine conspiracy and distribution by a federal grand jury.

Scott Orris Rolla, 47, Hutchinson, has been charged with one count of methamphetamine conspiracy, one count of methamphetamine distribution and one count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Linda Faye Otteson, 43, Hutchinson, has been charged with one count of methamphetamine conspiracy and one count of methamphetamine distribution. Kelly Paul Peterson, 40, Kimball, has been charged with one count of methamphetamine conspiracy and one count of methamphetamine distribution.

According to the indictment, the three conspired with each other and others to possess with intent to distribute 50 or more grams of methamphetamine. methamphetamine is a highly addictive and dangerous drug.

The three were arrested on May 17, 2007, following a search of Otteson's residence. During the search, police recovered eight grams of methamphetamine. A related search of Rolla's apartment, yielded approximately 120 grams of methamphetamine, drug trafficking paraphernalia and \$6,800 in cash. During a related search of Peterson's residence, police found four grams of methamphetamine, several items of drug paraphernalia and cash.

If convicted, Rolla faces a potential maximum sentence of 40 years in federal prison for the conspiracy count; 20 years for each count of methamphetamine distribution and 40 years for each count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Both Otteson Peterson face a potential maximum sentence of 40 years in prison for the conspiracy count and 20 years for each count of methamphetamine distribution.

All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Southwest Minnesota Drug Taskforce.

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An indictment is a determination by a grand jury that there is probable cause to believe that offenses have been committed by the defendant. The defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is

proven guilty at trial.